



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Parissa Naef  
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California Department of Pesticide Regulation  
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Reference: **02-SR(PEI)-20**  
Priority: **High**  
Due: **August 14, 2020**

RE: **ICE Adelanto Facility**

Dear Ms. Naef:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA) Region IX has reason to suspect that GEO Group Inc., a contractor for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, may be using a registered pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

FIFRA section 12(a)(2)(G) states, "it shall be unlawful for any person to use any registered pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling." FIFRA section 2(ee) states that the phrase "to use any registered pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling" means to use a pesticide in a manner not permitted by the labeling.

**Region 9 requests that you conduct a Federal "for cause" Pesticide Use Inspection at:** the Adelanto ICE Processing Center, 10400 Rancho Rd, Adelanto, California 92301 by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**We request the following:**

1. Inspect the facility for any use of registered or unregistered pesticides.
2. Photograph all sides of any pesticides encountered.
3. Collect appropriate records as per usual pesticide use inspection protocol, consistent with the EPA's FIFRA Inspection Manual (August 2019).
4. Write an inspection report and send it to the EPA within 60 days of the inspection date.

FIFRA section 26 authorizes primary enforcement responsibility to states for pesticide use violations. States can refer pesticide use compliance concerns back to the EPA for enforcement at the state's discretion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 972-3982 or *Salazar.Matt@epa.gov*.

Sincerely,

Matt Salazar, P.E.,  
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cc: Roberta Y. Willhite, San Bernardino County Agricultural Commissioner